

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph.

**[0023]** Further, the buyer's environment is shown to include back end server 52, and an intranet firewall 54. From this environment, RFQ Pack 22 is issued to an SOL server 56 which provides a web site portal 57 to the SOL system. SOL server 56 makes an RFQ available to suppliers who are provided access to the RFQ Pack 22 through internet firewall 58. The supplier 60 may communicate to the buyer through web site portal 57 to submit its reply to the issued RFQ Pack. The firewall architecture described in FIGURE 3, permits the viewing, printing, and downloading of engineering documents 62, business documents 64 and other documents over the internet to intranet or extranet systems for approved registered suppliers. Thus, the security feature of the present embodiment includes both a protected intranet server 52 (i.e. back end SOL server 52) and a protected internet server SOL server 56.